

has a width of from 2 to 10 mm and a depth of from 0.5 to 1.5 mm, and the position of the groove G is such that the distance (A) measured radially inwardly from the radially outer end P of a bead apex Bap to the radially outer edge Ga of the groove G is in a range of from 0 to 7 mm. Although this groove G is effective, in order to prevent bareness of rubber without fail, an increase in the size especially depth Gc of the groove is unavoidable. As a result, the appearance and strength of the tire are liable to become worse.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~3~~ and ~~5~~ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising
a tread portion,
a pair of sidewall portions,
a pair of bead portions each with a bead core and a bead apex therein,
each said sidewall portion provided on the outer face with means of escaping air between the tire and a mold for vulcanizing the tire,
said means comprising
a circumferentially extending vent emboss line

disposed adjacently to a radially outer end of the bead apex

and
a circumferentially continuously extending vent groove adjoining the radially outside of the vent emboss line and having a depth of at least 0.15, the sidewall portions each provided with a lower sidewall region having a substantially straight profile in a tire meridian section and extending radially inwardly from a position radially inside the maximum tire section width point towards the bead portion, and

said vent emboss line and vent groove disposed within said lower sidewall region so that a part having a positive extent is left on the radially outside of said vent groove and the radially inside of said vent emboss line.

B5 Claim 4. (Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein

the bottom of the vent groove is substantially parallel to the straight profile of the lower sidewall region and is provided with emboss marks.

Please add the following claims:

Bb Claim 6. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein

a radial distance of the vent emboss line from the radially outer end of the bead apex is in a range of from +3 mm to -10 mm.

Claim 7. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein

a circumferentially extending vent emboss line is disposed at the radially inner edge of said lower sidewall region.

Claim 8. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein

a circumferentially extending vent emboss line is disposed at the radially outer edge of said lower sidewall region.

Claim 9. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein

the vent groove has a width in a range of from 5 to 10 mm and a depth in a range of from 0.2 to 0.5 mm from the straight profile.

Claim 10. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein

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and a depth in a range of from 0.2 to 0.5 mm from the straight
profile, and

the protruding height of the vent emboss line is in a range
of from 0.3 to 2.5 mm from the straight profile.